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Dr hab. Andrzej Sztando is Professor of Public Management at the Wrocław University of Economics (Wrocław, Poland). His primary teaching and research interests are in strategic governance of local and regional development, as well as in self-government, public decentralization and multilevel governance. As a university employee, he participated in and managed many research projects financed both by Polish ministries and scientific institutions, as well as by the European Union.

Outside of academia, he is a well-known, independent adviser to local and regional, public authorities. In 25 years he formulated ca. 80 strategies of development of cities, communes, municipalities, districts and regions. All of them have been officially adopted and successfully implemented by the said authorities. He regularly conducts advanced trainings of various high officials and management boards of public companies in the field of strategic management and governance.

Having the experience resulting from combining theory with practice, he was invited as a guest lecturer or visiting professor by dozens of universities, including University of Bologna (Italy), University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), University of Campinas (Brazil), University of Jember (Indonesia), Stockholm University (Sweden) and University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain). For the same reasons, he serves as a reviewer for scientific journals, e.g. *Lex Localis*, *Urban Studies* and *Public Administration, Economic Alternatives*.

Furthermore, he is an expert monitor of Research Executive Agency of the European Commission for evaluation of Horizon 2020 projects. He is also the chairman and member of supervisory boards of public and private companies. In years 2010-2018 he was an councilor and deputy chairman of the Jeleniogórski County Council.